



Informed Consent Information Sheet



Understanding what you are consenting to when asked to share your pathology results.

Why are you being asked to give consent?

When you have a blood test or other pathology test, your results go back to the doctor who requested the test. With your consent, a copy of these results can also be stored in your WA Health patient record. This means treating staff can see your results if you ever need care at a WA Health public hospital or health service.

What information will be shared with WA Health?

- The results of the tests being performed.
- A report that explains those results.
- Your personal details, such as name and date of birth, so the test results can be matched to your WA Health patient record.

Why is it helpful to share your results?

Giving consent means that if you ever need to go to a WA public health service, treating staff can immediately see the pathology results helping them make better informed decisions about your care. This means you:

- avoid having tests done again
- receive safer and more timely treatment.

How will your information be kept secure?

Only authorised WA Health staff who are involved in your care will be able to access your test results and report. WA Health has strict policies and systems in place to protect your privacy.

WA Health is legally required to protect your health information. Staff are trained to handle health information responsibly and securely. Audit trails are available. All information is stored under WA Health's data retention and privacy protocols.

Information is collected under Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024; and Health Services Act 2016 Section 220 (1)h.

If you choose not to give consent your test results:

- will still go to your referring doctor
- will not be added to your WA Health patient record.

Can you change your mind?

Yes. You can:

- ask to see your information
- correct any inaccuracies
- choose not to give consent for future tests.

Need more information?

Talk to your referring doctor or the staff collecting your sample. You can also contact PathWest by:

- calling 13 PATH (7284)
- emailing info.pathwest@health.wa.gov.au.

Find out more at <https://pathwest.health.wa.gov.au/About-Us/Customer-Service>

